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DEFEAT OF BRITONS

Disastrous Result of the Battle
Near Ladysmith.

BOERS ARE VICTORS.

Surround and Capture Three Regiments
of the Queen's Troops.

Irish Fusiliers, Tenth Mountain Bat-
tery and Gloucester Regiment Cap-
tains-General White's Staff Officers
and Eight Cannon Included Among
the Captures—News of the Disaster
to British Arms Causes Gloom in
London.

Gen. White, at the head of 12,000
British, and Gen. Joubert, commanding
16,000 Boers, measured arms in the
vicinity of Ladysmith Sunday and Mon-
day, and the result was a crushing defeat
for the Britons. Three whole regiments
were surrounded and captured and eight
cannon were taken. The British admit
casualties of from eighty to a hundred
men.

The two armies on Monday fought
from daybreak to the middle of the af-
ternoon. Joubert began the fight about
5 o'clock in the morning, firing several
100-pound shells in the direction of that
part of the British force stationed near
the railway station. Their ammunition
was good and their aim excellent. Gen.
White first ordered the artillery fire; re-

turning to his horse and riding to the front
of his troops, he said, "Boers, we are
about to meet our fate. Let us make
it glorious." The Boers charged and
overthrew the British. The British
retreated and were pursued by the
Boers. The British were driven into
the hills and were surrounded. The
Boers captured three regiments of the
Queen's Troops and eight cannon.

Gen. Sir George White, who had
been sent to reinforce the British forces
in South Africa, arrived at Ladysmith
on Saturday evening. He found the
British forces surrounded and captured.
He immediately sent word to the Boers
that he would not interfere in the
battle. The Boers accepted his offer
and released the British prisoners.

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Among those captured are Maj. Adye
of Gen. White's staff; the Lieutenant col-
onel, the majors and all the captains and
lieutenants of the Irish Fusiliers; the
majors, captains and lieutenants of the
Gloucester regiment; Maj. Bryant of the
Royal Artillery, all the lieutenants of the
Mountain battery and also the captain
of the Irish Fusiliers. Many of the cap-
tured officers and men were wounded.

The Boers in the meantime kept up
their artillery fire, and, besides playing
havoc with the British troops, stampeded
about forty miles used for transporting
the heavy guns. The British were
so busy using their small arms that they
were unable to look after the mules, with
the result that eight cannon were lost.

Charge Upon Big Guns.
It seems Gen. White's first purpose
was to charge the positions of the Boer
batteries and capture, if possible, the
big guns, which played so important a
part at Glencoe. The charge was con-
sidered successful at first, but upon their
arrival at the point where the Boer guns
had been located the British found them
gone. How Joubert managed to remove
the awkward, heavy weapons is a mys-
tery to the British, as they are said to
weigh fully four tons each with their
carriages.

One London newspaper, trying to ac-
count for the British retirement, says
that presumably the Boers were driven
back until they reached strong positions,
which White naturally refused to attack.
Gen. White reports the stampede hap-
pening during the night, as the result of
battery fighting. But the newspaper
accounts indicate the runaway occurred
during the day's action.

England Is Startled.

All England was startled at the news
of the first severe disaster to the British.
White, in what was evidently an impor-
tant movement, almost lost 20 per cent
of his fighting force and eight of his fifty
guns at one crack. Monday he had ex-
ecuted every man engaged against the
Boers, and reading between the lines of the
official report and the dispatches of the
English correspondents, he had all he
could do to get back to his base at Ladysmith
after making his sortie. It is ap-
parent that he had hoped to march out
and strike a blow at one column of the
enemy that would weaken the attack on
all sides and give him the upper hand. He
lost his left wing in attempting this plan.

Three extra battalions of foot and one
mountain battery, with reserves, will
leave England during the course of ten
days to make good the casualties. The
war office has ordered a second army
corps to be in readiness to be called out.
The military officials are determined to
have everything in readiness either for
a demonstration in Europe or for sending even
a larger force to the scene of action.

FIRE IN MONTREAL HOTEL.
Building Consumed and Many Are
Burned.

The Webster House, at the corner of
St. James and Cathedral streets, Mon-
treal, Que., was burned Tuesday morn-
ing. Several persons are supposed to
have been burned or suffocated. Three
bodies were recovered.

**Frank Croker, son of Richard, New
York, has entered politics as secretary to
his father.**

One tramp and eighteen freight cars
were demolished in a wreck at Nemo,
Tenn.

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JUSTICE AND RIGHT.

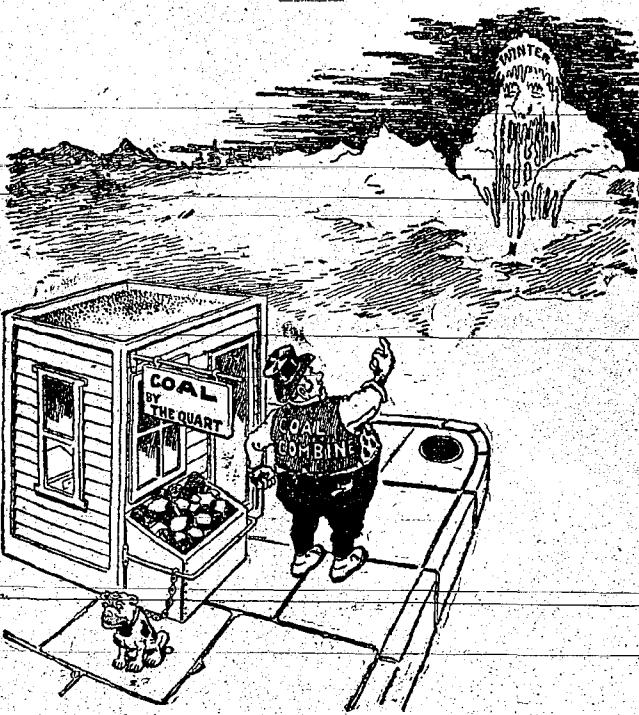
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HERE, GET A MOVE ON YOU!



St. Paul Pioneer Press.

DEWEY TO WED MRS. HAZEN.

The Admiral Announces His Engagement to a Washington Widow.

Admiral Dewey has authorized the announce-
ment of his engagement to Mrs. Mildred Hazen, the widow of Gen. Wil-
liam B. Hazen. The admiral Monday moved into his new home, and his anxiety
to occupy it without delay leads his friends to believe that the marriage of Mrs. Hazen and himself will be an event of the near future.

Mrs. Hazen is the daughter of Mrs. Washington McLean, whose Washington residence Admiral Dewey occupied during the ceremonies in his honor there, and for a short time thereafter. It is very evident that the admiral and Mrs. Hazen were engaged prior to his return to Washington. Mrs. Hazen is a sister of John R. McLean, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio. Her sister is the wife of Capt. Nicoll Laddow, U. S. N. Gen. Hazen at the time of his death a year ago was the chief signal officer of the United States army. He was succeeded by Brig. Gen. A. W. Greeley, the arctic explorer.

FERRY STEAMER IS SUNK.

Collision in New York Harbor. Re-
sults in Drowning of Two Men.

The Pennsylvania Railway Company's
ferryboat Chicago, plying between Cortland
street, New York City, and the
Pennsylvania Railway depot in Jersey

northwesterly to central Punjab and
embraces nearly 350,000 square miles;

and though none of the most densely
peopled regions is included in this territory,
its population is about 30,000,000.

No other part of the world suffers so
terribly from famine as India. Two rea-
sons combine to make this calamity

more serious than in any other country.

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of people were dying in India, and now
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ANOTHER INDIAN FAMINE.

One-fifth of the Peninsula Suffering
from Hunger.

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of people were dying in India, and now
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square miles, about the same as that of the
State of Missouri, and a population of
100,000, of whom less than 200 are
Europeans. The interior of the island
is still an almost unknown country. It
contains many enormous mountains and
great rivers. Rich deposits of gold have
been found and the forests abound with
ebony and other valuable woods. In-
cluded in the German protectorate is the
Bismarck archipelago, consisting of a large
number of islands adjoining Kaiser
Wilhelm's Land.

CAUGHT IN FLAMING RUINS.

Collapse of a Chicago Warehouse De-
stroys Life and Property.

The collapse of the six-story steel ware-
house at 139-141 West Lake street, Chi-
cago, Wednesday afternoon, wrecked half

a block of buildings and caused the loss
of at least five lives. F. S. Hanson, owner
of the New England mills, adjoining,

was killed, and three men are missing,

and are supposed to have been crushed to
death under the falling walls. An un-
known woman was seen standing in front
of the seed warehouse just as the front
wall fell into the street. She was heard
to cry out in terror, but before any one
could get to the spot the walls of other
buildings began falling, and the sidewalk
and street became piled up with debris.

To add to the disaster, the ruins caught
fire and stopped any attempt to search for
the bodies of the dead for several hours.

The property loss will run over \$200,
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DECLINE IN CEREALS.

WHEAT AND CORN GO DOWN IN PRICE.

The Fact Does Not, However, Hinder Exports—Heavy Sales of Wool in Boston—Airship Is Seen by Residents of Winona, Minn.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "A little decline of 3¢ cent in wheat and 1¢ cents in corn does not hinder exports, though it is some evidence that growers think they have ample supplies. Atlantic exports of wheat for five weeks have been: (tons included) 15,686,599 bushels, against 18,182,631 bushels last year; and Pacific exports 2,713,651 bushels, against 3,017,424 bushels last year. Western receipts of wheat have declined heavily, but have not reflected last year's extraordinary outpouring, amounting to only 35,058,087 bushels in five weeks, against 49,640,791 bushels last year; but the western corn receipts run ahead of last year's in the same weeks, and the exports have been 19,028,034 bushels, against 11,553,158 bushels last year. The enormous sales of wool at Boston—21,557,500 pounds reported, making 25,308,700 pounds at the three chief markets for the week—are extremely important. Expectation of higher prices at London prompts much speculative buying, but the demand for woolen goods is also undeniably encouraging."

WINONA SEES AN AIRSHIP.

Strange Cigar-Shaped Craft Flies Over the Minnesota City.

Winona, Minn., has seen a bold ide-shirt. The illuminated vessel made its appearance southward of Winona. It passed over the southern limits of the city and followed a straight line west parallel with the bluffs and up the valley. The airship was seen by all who were on the city streets. It was very plainly cigar-shaped and emitted a brilliant light from the rear and a trail of sparks. While in sight from Winona it remained at an even height of about a thousand feet from the earth. The light seemed to be shut off when the airship was some distance above Winona.

FIRE LOSS IS \$500,000.

American Wire Company's Works at Waukegan Damaged.

The costliest fire in the history of Waukegan, Ill., occurred the other day, when in one short hour the factory of the American Steel and Wire Company was nearly wiped out and a money loss of about \$500,000 inflicted. A string of brick buildings extending for 1,000 feet along the lake from the boiler house fell an easy prey to the flames, which originated in the big two-story wire mill. Their spread was so rapid that several employees nearly lost their lives and there was no stopping the fire until it burned its way clear to the end of the string of connected buildings.

T. W. Harvey Bankrupt.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States Court at Columbus, Ohio, by Turlington W. Harvey, who gives Marietta as his present place of residence, but who, until recently, resided at Harvey, Ill., where he was for a number of years at the head of the Harvey Steel Car and Repair Company. His total indebtedness is scheduled at \$238,340. Assets are nominal.

Two Pianos Shops Close.

Twelve piano and organ factories in Chicago have closed their doors for an indefinite time, locking out 3,000 workers. By this action the manufacturers stole a march on the Piano and Organ Makers' Union, which had threatened to call the men out if the manufacturers did not accede to their demands for a recognition of the union.

Tragedy to the Family.

George H. Barthel, assistant manager of the Simmons sporting goods store at St. Louis, probably mortally wounded his wife and his father-in-law, seriously injured his mother-in-law and committed suicide. Jealousy is supposed to be the cause of the crime. Barthel and his wife had been separated for more than three years.

Tennessee Phosphate Lands Sold.

H. H. Soria of New Orleans purchased the J. K. Orr place at Mount Pleasant, Tenn., for \$75,000. The land is supposed to contain 200 acres of phosphate, though it has not been prospected. Excitement over recent phosphate finds runs high in Maury County, and extravagant sums are being paid for lands.

Killed by a Boy.

Iolla J. Guerin, aged 20 years, a huckster, was shot and killed in his home at Kansas City. Later William Lamphere, aged 16 years, and Will Kiper, aged 18, who had worked for Guerin, were arrested. Lamphere confessed he had done the killing, claiming that Kiper planned it. The motive was robbery.

Killed in a Football Game.

At Oakland, Calif., from the effects of injuries sustained in a game of football on the college campus at the State University, Jesse Morris Hicks died at the East Bay sanitarium. He was struck in the neck while making a hard tackle.

Cotton Warehouse Burned.

The large cotton warehouse at Crystal Springs, Miss., was destroyed by fire. Seven hundred bales of cotton were consumed. Loss \$60,000.

New York Editor Is Dead.

Robert C. Alexander, editor of the New York Mail and Express, died of Bright's disease.

Big Lake Banta Crash.

The big lake steamer Lohib and Lewiston collided directly under the end and white flashes of the harbor light at Chittago. It was a matter of only an inch or two which saved both boats from going down. The money loss, counting loss of time, will amount to \$25,000.

Train Wrecks an Electric Car.

An inbound Louisville and Nashville train struck a Fourth avenue electric car at Fourth avenue and G street, Louisville, completely demolishing the car and injuring nine people.

Woman Sues for \$750,000.

In San Francisco, Mrs. George Fife, daughter of the late Nicholas Luning, has sued George Whitter for \$750,000. She alleges that in the settlement of her father's estate she was not given the full amount due to her under the will. She was allowed \$800.

Burglars Crack a Safe.

Burglars have broken the safe in Burke Brothers' store at Chicago. They breached the outer door and then made their escape with \$150 and two gold watches which were in the strong box, besides \$18 taken from the cash drawer.

Shipwrecked Many Immigrants.

On the last busy day at the New York docks, more than 3,000 immigrants passing through the port were made their escape with \$150 and two gold watches which were in the strong box, besides \$18 taken from the cash drawer.

TO USE MARCONI'S SYSTEM.

American Company Will Connect Five Hawaiian Islands.

Telegraphic communication by Sig. Marconi's wireless system is to be established between five of the Hawaiian Islands by a company of Americans.

Frederick Cross, of the firm of Cross, Nell & Co., engineers of Honolulu, has closed a contract for the American company in Hawaii. Although many inquiries regarding the connection of the five islands are still impracticable, because of costs, which a cable is soon covered with rapid growth, breaks are frequent and repairs exceedingly difficult, the American company had about decided to attempt it as the needs of telegraphic communication had grown much. Then they heard of Sig. Marconi's achievements, and Mr. Cross was sent to this country to view the workings of his system. He found that the Marconi system would cost much less and be more practicable in many ways than a cable. Regular telegraph-business will be done by the company installing the wireless system. The distance over which communication will be established will vary from eight to sixty-one miles,

LYNCING FOLLOWS MURDER.

Weir City, Kan., the scene of a Double Murder.

Weir City, Kan., was the scene the other night of a double tragedy. Gus McArde, a bartender, was shot and killed and in less than two hours his supposed murderer, George Wells, a negro miner from Scammon, was swinging to the telephone pole, the victim of a mob which had forcibly taken him from jail.

McArde and Wells had some words in the saloon, after which the negro left. Shortly afterward a shot was fired across the street, the bullet striking McArde squarely in the forehead. He died in half an hour. Wells was arrested on suspicion and lodged in jail. A mob formed quickly and marched to the jail. Securing Wells without much trouble, they dragged the frightened negro from the building and strung him up to the nearest telephone pole. Before the rope was placed about his neck Wells admitted he was with the man who shot McArde, but denied that he had done the shooting.

GETS AN INFERNAL MACHINE.

Mrs. J. W. Hoot Barely Escapes Death from a Present Sent from Chicago.

An infernal machine, received by express from Chicago by Mrs. J. W. Hoot of Waterloo, Iowa, was tested there.

The machine was in the form of a well-finished cabinet about a foot long. When she pulled a knob to open a drawer a percussion cap exploded, but failed to do any damage. She dropped the package in alarm and later turned it over to the police. The officers took the machine to the river, and, fastening a rope to another knot, they retreated. When they pulled the rope a terrific explosion resulted, throwing stones over a block and leaving not a particle of the machine.

Mrs. Hoot received a letter at the same time as she did the machine, calling attention to the present that would be sent.

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Prefers Death to Marriage.

At Greenfield, Ind., Warren Kable made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide.

Kable wrote a note to his mother, bidding her and his friends good-bye, saying that he preferred death to matrimony. Kable fired two shots, one going wild, the other making a wound near his heart. After the shooting the face developed that Kable was to have been married that evening to Miss Laura Watson of North Greenfield.

Engineer White Is Drowned.

The telegram from Castillo, Nicaragua, saying Engineer Clark had a party belonging to the United States canal commission had been drowned turns out to be incorrect. El Comercio published a dispatch saying that it was Engineer White, and not Engineer Clark, and two of the party belonging to the United States canal commission who were drowned.

Cass Lake Town Site Is Sold.

The Cass Lake (Minn.) townsite on the Chippewa Indian reservation, over which there has been a hard contest for a long time, was sold at the St. Cloud land office. The site went in four parcels, the total price being \$17,994.38, going to Sidney L. Wright of Philadelphia, the Eastern Minnesota Railway and the A. S. Sauk Lumber Company.

Deaths Due to Gunpowder.

Two Employees of a Factory Fatally Burned Through Dust on Clothing.

While five workmen in the Fontaine powder mill near Terra Haute, Ind., were sitting in the electric power house, a burning-out fuse threw a spark on the hat of Sam Kling, one of the men. The hat was impregnated with powder dust, as was also his clothing. In an instant he was abeam. As he ran for the door he brushed against Alsa McBride and Burt Overby, both of whom blazed up from the contact and ran after him. Other men pulled off the blazing clothing and hurried the men to the wash-house, where they were drenched. King and McBride died from their injuries.

TWO ROBBERS GET \$50,000.

Package of Money Stolen from St. Louis Street Railway Official.

Robert R. Jennings, secretary of the Broadway Cable Car Company, was robbed of a package containing nearly \$50,000 shortly after noon the other day while boarding a car at Washington Avenue and Broadway, St. Louis. He had drawn the money from the Boatman's Bank and was on his way to the office of the company. Two well-dressed men boarded the car just before he did, blocking the way. They jumped off while in front of the Union market. Mr. Jennings instantly discovered his loss, made an effort to follow the strangers, but they had disappeared.

Springfield, Ill., Man Murdered.

John Galt, proprietor of a dairy, was murdered in the rear of his home in West Capitol avenue at Springfield, Ill., by an unknown man, who made his escape immediately after the murder. Galt was shot twice with a revolver. After receiving the wounds he staggered into the house and fell dead. The murdered man had no known enemies and no cause for the murder can be found by the police.

Alvin Saunders Dead.

Ex-Gov. Alvin Saunders died at Omaha. His daughter is the wife of Maj.-Gen. Harrison, son of the ex-President.

The infirmities of old age caused the ex-Governor's death.

McKinley at a伶俐的船頭。

At Richmond, Va., President McKinley spoke of development of United States.

Market Quotations.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$7.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 9¢c to 70¢c; corn, No. 2, 3¢c to 32¢c; oats, No. 2, 22¢c to 24¢c; rye, No. 2, 5¢c to 36¢c; butter, choice creamery, 22¢c to 24¢c; eggs, fresh, 17¢c to 18¢c; potatoes, choice, 25¢c to 35¢c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.15 to \$4.50; sheep, common to prime, 9¢c to 25¢c; wheat, No. 2, 67¢c to 69¢c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2 white, 25¢c to 27¢c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 70¢c to 72¢c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31¢c to 33¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; rye, No. 2, 5¢c to 36¢c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 70¢c to 72¢c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 35¢c to 36¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; rye, No. 2, 6¢c to 36¢c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 70¢c to 72¢c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33¢c to 35¢c; oats, No. 2 white, 27¢c to 29¢c; rye, 6¢c to 36¢c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 70¢c to 75¢c; corn, No. 2, 67¢c to 70¢c; oats, No. 2, 25¢c to 30¢c; rye, 6¢c to 35¢c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c; corn, No. 3, 32¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; barley, No. 2, 4¢c to 45¢c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.50; sheep, 50¢c to 75¢c; wheat, 9¢c to 12¢c; corn, No. 2 red, 31¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2 white, 21¢c to 24¢c; rye, 6¢c to 15¢c.

Minneapolis—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c; corn, No. 3, 32¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; barley, No. 2, 4¢c to 45¢c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Winnipeg—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.50; sheep, 50¢c to 75¢c; wheat, 9¢c to 12¢c; corn, No. 2 red, 31¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2 white, 21¢c to 24¢c; rye, 6¢c to 15¢c.

Montreal—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c; corn, No. 3, 32¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; barley, No. 2, 4¢c to 45¢c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Saskatoon—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c; corn, No. 3, 32¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; barley, No. 2, 4¢c to 45¢c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Victoria—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c; corn, No. 3, 32¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; barley, No. 2, 4¢c to 45¢c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Calgary—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c; corn, No. 3, 32¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; barley, No. 2, 4¢c to 45¢c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Edmonton—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c; corn, No. 3, 32¢c to 34¢c; oats, No. 2, 23¢c to 25¢c; barley, No. 2, 4¢c to 45¢c; pork, mess, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Winnipeg—Wheat, No. 2 Northern, 6¢c to 7¢c

GOOD-BY—GOD BLESS YOU.

I leave the words—perhaps because When I was leaving mother Standing at last in solemn pause We looked at one another, And I—saw in mother's eyes The love she could not tell me, A love eternal—as the skies Whatever fate befell me.

She put her arms about my neck And soothed the pain of leaving, And though her heart was like to break, She spoke no word of grieving; She let no tear bedim her eye For fear that might distract me, But, kissing me, she said good-bye, And asked our God to bless me.

Eugene Field.

Cupid's Revenge.

OUR wife, Thornton? Why, it seems only yesterday you were carrying my books to school. What do boys know of love?" And Nellie Rivers glanced innocently up into the face of him she addressed—as innocently as though she had not known for many a month the question just put to her had been trembling on his eager lips.

A hot flush dyed Thornton May's cheeks at her words. A flash of anger leaped into the dark eyes, a moment before so tenderly passionate.

"Flirt! Heartless!" burst in a muttered whisper from the young man's white lips.

Then he rose with a dignity which seemed suddenly to have sprung into life.

Without even extending his hand, with simply a low bow of courtesy, he left her, she sitting motionless, the echo of the closing of the outside door ringing in her ears strangely like a knell.

"They say Thornton May is engaged. What wonderful strides he has made in his art!"

"Wonderful, indeed. But who is the fortunate winner of such a prize?"

"A Spanish girl, whom he met abroad, His last picture, about which every one is raving, is said to be her counterpart."

Such was the idle conversation at an evening party which fell upon Nellie Rivers' listening ear.

And this was the meaning of his indifference, when she would have made atonement for the past—for the folly of a girl, who did not know herself, and who had learned the lesson only through four years of bitter suffering, of which this was the end.

"Dreaming, Miss Nellie, and alone? What does this mean?"

It was his voice which broke upon her reverie, his eyes resting on her, from whom, at any cost, she must hide the truth.

"I am growing old," she answered, lightly. "Like yourself I have put away childish things, though, unlike you, I have not assumed fresh responsibilities, upon which, by the way, I believe you are to be congratulated, although you hardly deserve it for keeping such a secret from your friends."

"You speak in enigmas. Of what do you speak?"

"If so, it is a Spanish enigma, and painted in lovely character, however cabalistic they may be."

"Oh," a sudden light breaking in upon him, "you speak of my picture. And does rumor give her to me as my bride? I am indeed, then, open to your congratulations. But come, as I am not yet—Benedict, may I not have this waltz?"

"And this is my revenge?" thought Thornton May, as a few hours later he sat alone in his bachelor apartments moodily surveying the dying embers in the grate. "I who fancied her voice could no longer thrill or her beauty move me, have but riveted the chains I thought struck off from me forever. To-night how indifferently she congratulated me upon my supposed engagement! Had things been different how charmingly my pretty model might have helped out my plan! I will put the ocean between us ere, in my weakness, I once more give her the right to mock me."

"Going away, Mr. May? Have you tired so soon of your old friends that you must desert them? But I forget—some one is waiting for you."

"Yes," he answered, "I must once more say good-by, but this time, Miss Nellie, I hope you will add godspeed. I have not forgotten our last parting, though I hope my folly has long ceased to be remembered. You were right. It was a boy's presumption, and I must thank you for my lesson."

This was almost more than she could bear. For the moment tears shimmered in the dark eyes, a sob rose in her throat, but she answered bravely:

"It was I who should rather ask your pardon for the idle vanity of a girl who knew not the meaning of her own words, but who through them has been the only sufferer. Good-by, Mr. May, and godspeed!"

She the only sufferer? What could she mean?

For a moment a wild hope crossed his mind, to be extinguished the next as he glanced into the calm face and the eyes whence all trace of tears had fled, but at the hall door a moment later he paused.

He would return to disabuse her mind of this idle folly as his engagement. So, again crossing the hall and mounting the stairs, he stood upon the threshold of the room he had left so short a time before. But, O, how changed!

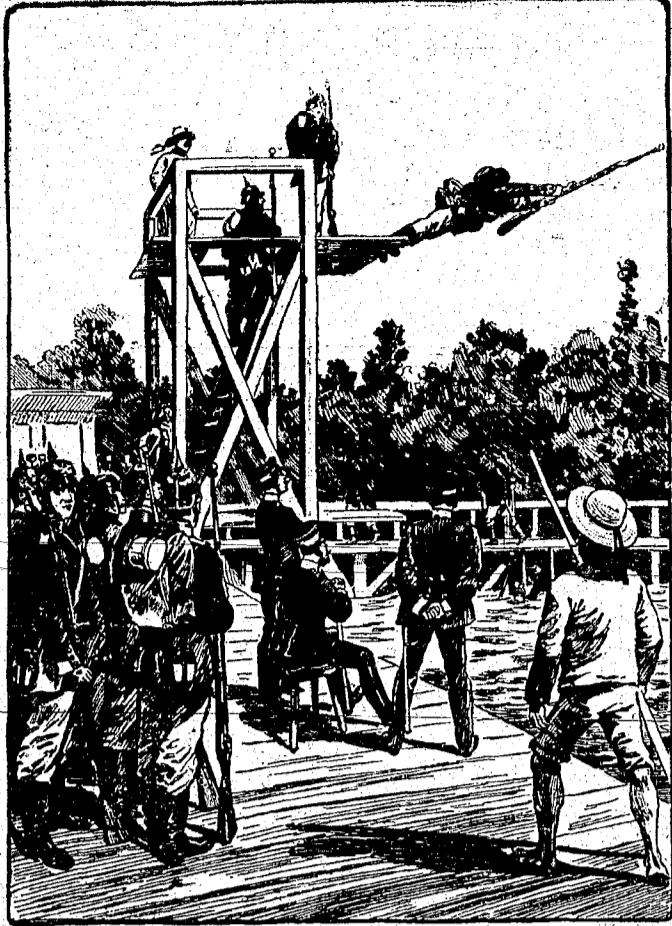
Down upon her face lay the figure of the girl who had haunted him all these years, while sob after sob racked her frame.

His revenge was in his hands at last. The moment had come to mock her as she had mocked him; but surely the light growing in his eyes had no mocking ray, as he clasped the sobbing girl close to his heart.

"Is this true, my darling?" he said. "And has our game been cross-purposed all this weary time? O, Nellie, my pride would have kept me silent had you not shown me your secret. I meant, my darling, to teach you, if I could, to love me, but I forgot I had learned the lesson long ago—lesson whose sweet teachings will guard all my future life."

Thus, with lip pressed to lip, and heart to heart, her sobs now subsided

GERMAN SOLDIERS DRILLED A LA FUNSTON'S SWIMMERS



STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Wright May Have Acted in Self-Defense—Three Men Meet Death in a Mine—Cable Under the Straits of Mackinaw—Fatal Runaway Accident

One of the members of the State pardon board, which recommended to Gov. Pingree commutation of the sentence of Charles T. Wright, the Benzie County murderer, from a life term to fifteen years, said it was not improbable that when the wealthy lumberman killed "Doc" Thuber, the supervisor, ten years ago, he was acting in self-defense. Thuber and Deputy Sheriff Marshall had levied upon some lots belonging to Wright, whereupon the three became involved in a fight. During the fight a rifle was discharged accidentally. As soon as Marshall told Thuber and Wright became locked in a fierce struggle, and Thuber was intent upon casting Wright into a deep and swift-moving stream, Wright, believing that Thuber intended to drown him, drew a revolver and shot him dead. Wright came from Racine, Wis., and at that time was worth \$150,000. He owned an extensive sawmill plant on the edge of a large lake in Benzie County, when the crime was committed. It was a lawless stretch of country then, Wright's employees being mostly half-civilized whites and Indians. They rallied around him, and if Wright had not decided to give himself up it would have become necessary to call out the State troops. The crime was committed in August and in the following spring Wright was convicted and sentenced. His entire fortune was swept away in an effort to gain his liberty.

Miners Killed by Premature Blast.

Richard Stone, Albin Forstenson and Charles Nelson were killed and Charles Apia seriously injured on the second level of the Cundy mine at Quinnesee. The men were running a machine and it is supposed used their scrapers to charge which is prohibited by law, causing a premature blast. The men are all married.

Cabling Straits of Mackinaw.

The Michigan Telephone Company has finished laying its cable across the straits of Mackinac. The system works perfectly and the company will now bend its energies to completing a line from St. Ignace to Marquette and Houghton. It has six crews of men at work on the line and is trying to increase the number of men to 500.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

Joseph Morell, a well-known farmer living five miles south of Ubly, was instantly killed. He was driving a pair of colts, which were hitched to a wagon for the first time. In crossing a bridge the colts became frightened and ran away. Mr. Morell was thrown out of the wagon. He struck on his head and was instantly killed.

Mr. Clemens Burglar Captured.

Frank Fisher, aged 20 years, was arrested at Mr. Clemens' and confessed to the burglary of Mayor Ulrich's hardware store. Most of the goods were recovered. A year ago last July Fisher was sentenced to a year at Joliet for burglarizing Little & Epley's store.

State News in Brief.

A young woman deserted a 2-month-old baby at Port Huron.

Wilfred O. Welman has been appointed a mail carrier at Jackson.

Horses are scarce in Shiawassee County, and buyers can find few for sale.

Thieves are operating at Port Hope. Their latest haul was 40,000 shingles.

Miss Fanny Langdon, instructor of zoology at the University of Michigan, is dead.

Twenty carloads of canned tomatoes were shipped from Adrian, the other night.

William Mull, a young man living near Mosherville, fell on a saw and had one arm cut off.

George Hizer's large barns, located in Winsor township, burned. Loss \$2,000. The animals had tuberculosis.

Burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to break into the residence of W. F. Weisinger at Deerfield.

The assessed valuation of Genesee County, as equalized by the Board of Supervisors, is \$20,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banfield of Bay City died within three weeks of each other, leaving three children.

Cost Ingham County \$4,250.50 to support her poor last year and it has cost \$3,774.92 so far this year.

The Bay Mining Co. struck a vein of coal four feet three inches thick in a new shaft in Frankenlust township.

The ten cases of supposed Cuban fever at Benton Harbor proved to be smallpox. One-half of the city has been exposed.

St. Clair County Supervisors have raised the price allowed the sheriff for boarding prisoners from \$8 to \$3.50 per week.

Joseph Korwin, a prominent lawyer, and Miss Frances Caulfield, a prominent society girl, were married at Grand Rapids.

Herbert Hodges of South Haven left for the campaign in Cuba with the First Illinois regiment.

Anton Johnson, missing from Menominee since Sept. 21, was found on a logging road near Carney, with a bullet hole in his head. He was a prosperous business man and committed suicide while temporarily insane.

Lee Horton, of Addison, was engaged in feeding a cornhusker, operated by steam, when his arm was drawn in. It was lacerated almost to the shoulder, making amputation necessary. He survived the operation and will recover.

Erich Nuski, an 8-year-old lad, was run over by a load of hay at Port Huron and instantly killed.

The Farmers State Bank of Concord is rebuilding its office building which was destroyed in the fire which swept Concord on Oct. 2.

The Kirby-Carpenter Co. of Menominee, has disposed of its next season's cut of Nos. 3, 4 and 5 boards to the Paepcke & Leight Co., of Chicago, at an advance of \$3 per thousand over this season's pieces. The cut will be about thirteen million feet and the amount involved is about \$112,300.

Samuel Guerin of Chelsea, while working in a slaughter house, fell into a kettle of boiling water and was badly scalded.

Simon Limeroux, of Muskegon, has returned from Cape Nome, Alaska, and brought back \$2,000 in gold, which he says he dug out of the beach in two weeks. He has six claims there.

Among the many things this country needs is a new set of molds to be used in shaping the opinions of the public.

A woman thinks she is mighty independent if she wears a rainy day skirt in dry weather.

Thus, with lip pressed to lip, and heart to heart, her sobs now subsided

Bears are reported unusually numerous in Oscoda County this fall.

Roscommon County will raise \$12,500 this year by taxation for all purposes.

Day and night crews are working regularly on new business blocks at Houghton.

Onaway, which a year ago was a hamlet of 100 population, now has 1,500 inhabitants.

The citizens of Oscoda County offer a liberal bonus for some one to erect a grist mill at Mid.

Manufacturers of desks and tables at Grand Rapids have decided to advance prices about ten per cent.

It is said that an oil expert is watching the progress of the drilling of the well on the campus at Ann Arbor.

Elmer Stoughton, the Farmington farmer who squandered \$40,000 in four years, is now driving a milk wagon.

The amount of State tax to be raised in Genesee County this fall is \$80,915.70, against \$80,680.09 last year.

Gerrit Vandenberg, aged 18 years, fell from a D. G. H. & M. train at Grand Haven and received serious injuries.

Will Buck, aged 13 years, son of a Pittsford township farmer, was severely injured by the explosion of an old musket.

Rev. Mr. Younglove of Park town-

ship has been convicted on the charge of non-support preferred by his wife. The couple are the parents of eleven children.

The resignation of Rev. C. F. Swift as pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Lansing has been accepted. Rev. Mr. Swift will go to Minneapolis Dec. 1.

S. M. Taylor, J. Salsbury and John Werner, from Pittsford, will open a coal mine Monitor township, and put down the largest shaft in the State, 8x20 feet in the clear.

Wm. Doyle, a high school student at Pinckney, was seriously injured. While riding his bicycle a large dog ran in front of it, throwing him with terrific force. He will recover.

The recent \$10,000 issue of electric lighting bonds of St. Louis were sold to Cincinnati parties at a premium of 5½ per cent. Action will be taken immediately to buy or build a plant.

A barn on the farm of James McKinney, southeast of Bancroft, burned, together with five horses, 1,000 bushels of grain and farm implements. Loss \$2,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad has begun laying four miles of track on the St. Charles spur for the purpose of reaching the mine of the Northern Coal and Transportation Co. in James Township.

The Board of Supervisors of Oscoda County has closed a two weeks' session.

Robert Kittle was re-elected county bridge commissioner and Mrs. Eliza Dearymond member of board of school examiners.

The Ishpeming and Neogaume offices of Paine, Webster & Co., Boston brokerage firm, have been closed. Speculation in copper stocks has diminished to such an extent that very few brokerage concerns are doing any paying business in the upper peninsula.

Johanna Gursky, the Crystal Falls girl who was lost in the woods, was brought home by a sheriff from a home near Atkinson. She was seven days in the woods without food, living on wintergreen berries during the time.

The potato crop of Oakland County will not be as large as was at first expected. In the western part of the county the crop is the smallest ever known. On account of the unsettled condition of the market no dealers have commenced buying yet.

Denver C. Allen has been released from the Ionia house of correction on parole by Gov. Pingree. Allen was serving a sentence for grand larceny, received from the Superior Court at Grand Rapids, and his sentence will expire March 11 next.

Six of the twelve head of registered Jersey cows, belonging to John Denley, living near Kalamazoo, were killed by direction of State Veterinarian Dumphy and J. H. Brown, president of the Michigan live stock sanitary commission. The animals had tuberculosis.

Bay City police have in custody Louis Goldberg, aged 14, and Sam Weinberg, aged 11, charged with entering Teponer's hardware store six times and robbing the till. Goldberg has confessed, and also confesses that he broke into McCauley & Larkin's shoe store on two occasions and robbed the till.

The beet sugar factory at Careo is now in operation. The plant has cost more than \$500,000 and is thoroughly equipped. The beet crop is high, owing to the long drought during July and August, but it will average from 10 to 15 tons to the acre. The percentage of sugar is high, some testing 10 per cent, while the poorest go 15.

The Jackson Ore Co. is tearing down its old concentrator building between Ishpeming and Newberry to get material to replace the shaft house at the Negauine mine destroyed by fire recently. The concentrator was built fifteen years ago by Eastern capitalists to reduce iron ore. The scheme was a complete failure and \$1,000,000 was lost.

The Union and Comstock blocks, including the Otsego County bank building and five stores in the central part of the business district, burned at Gaylord. The losses are as follows: Store of Mr. L. W. Stiff of Owosso, occupied by T. L. Leonard, flour and feed; two stores of S. W. Buck, occupied by Penney & Coman, groceries, and W. S. Carpenter, jeweler; Freeman Arnold, store of Jackson, occupied by Isaac Golden, clothing; A. B. C. Comstock's store, and bank building, occupied by the Otsego County Bank and A. B. C. Comstock's hardware store. The losses, including house held goods of families in the second stories, are estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Jonathan Boyce, the big lumberman, will expend several thousand dollars in sinking test wells on his land north of Standish.

The December tax for Ann Arbor has been figured up and shows an increase of \$1,584 per \$1,000 in the State, and school taxes.

Calumet business men are making strenuous efforts to have hawkers, peddlers and fakers and grafters of all kinds prohibited from doing business in their city and have petitioned the City Council to raise the tax on them to such a point that they cannot make money in the city.

The State Board of Health is authority for the statement that there are fifty cases of smallpox in the State, but the disease is in mild form.

The franchise granted to the

The Avalanche.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9, 1899.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Snow south and west of us, but fine weather here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barber, Monday, Nov. 6, a daughter.

Muresco is the best Wall Finish in the market. Sold by Colter & Co.

Buy a Garland Stove and keep warm. For sale by S. H. & Co.

H. C. Ward has the finest lot of hogs in Michigan on his Maple Forest farm.

For RENT—Two houses on the Mortenson place. Enquire of Julius Mortenson. 2w.

BORN—Thursday, November 2d, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler, a daughter; 11 pounds.

I am now prepared to write policies in a first class insurance company.

JOSEPH PATTERSON.

Marius Hanson was in town last week, in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Peterson.

Our Grocery Department is the most complete in Northern Michigan. S. H. & Co.

Hunters are arriving by scores. Get your life insured if you are going into the woods.

FOR SALE—A book case, bedroom sets, stoves, chairs, etc. Inquire of T. A. Carney. 2w.

It is reported that T. E. Lewis, of Frederic, is about to engage in mercantile business at Lewiston.

FOR SALE—A good coal stove used but two winters. Inquire at this office.

Charles Amidon completed the new bridge at Stephan's last week, and it is pronounced a good job.

Feminist Stoves and Ranges guaranteed the best. Sold by A. KRAUS.

Subscribe for the "Avalanche" and "The Household." Only \$1.50 per year.

There was more drunkenness on the streets here last Sunday than we have seen at any time in the last five years.

Attend the Social Dance for the benefit of the Grayling Cornet Band, at the Opera House to-morrow evening, and have a good time.

Frank Michelson evidently knows where and when the ducks fly, and how to get them. We are indebted to him for a fine double brace.

Fred Sleight opened the Grayling Steam Laundry yesterday. He is soliciting your patronage and guarantees first-class work.

The Stanley Underwear takes the lead, buy no others. For sale by S. H. & Co.

C. B. Johnson, of Maple Forest, was in town Monday. He has the tall work done and is preparing for a little lumber job for winter.

Fred Hoesel, ex-supervisor of Blaine was in town Friday. He has the corners all tucked up for the winter, and is ready for snow if it comes.

E. T. Waldron brought in some nice beef to kill, last Friday. We no longer depend entirely on the Chicago market.

Fred Sleight will have one of the finest equipped steam laundries in the state. He started work yesterday. Patronize home industry.

We are in receipt from the old world of a copy of the "Deutscher Kinderfreund," which is no doubt interesting to those who can read it.

Just received 3000 yards of Outing Flannel; fancy plaid, striped and mixed, at the store of S. H. & Co.

Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Guichard have commenced housekeeping in the pleasant upper room in the residence of Mrs. H. Hill, on Peninsular Avenue.

J. W. Sorenson is agent for the sale of the best Sewing Machines in the market. Machines guaranteed. Call and examine machines, and get prices.

We hear that Bert Mann has taken a lay off from the employ of the M. O. R. R., and is clerking for T. H. Deymond at Lewiston until he decides which job he likes best.

A. J. Love has bought the cozy cottage on the corner of Spruce and Ionia streets of C. O. McCullough, and will soon be nicely settled in the village.

We offer you highly and fancy decorated Dinner Sets of 100 pieces at the remarkably low price of \$8.50 per set. S. H. & Co.

The Women's Home Missionary society met on Friday, Nov. 3, and chose the following officers: Pres., Mrs. Eckhoff; vice pres., Mrs. Willits; cor. sec., Mrs. Hanson; rec. sec., —; treas., Mrs. McKay.

Joseph Patterson was called to La- peer Monday on legal business.

Miss Marcia Kendrick came down from her school to spend last Sunday at home.

Geo. L. Alexander was in attendance at the Roscommon Co. Circuit Court the first of the week.

Myron Dyer met a party of hunters from Hillsdale county yesterday who will camp at Connor's bridge.

Our supplement this week is an interesting document and should be read by every citizen of the county.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Keeler Friday afternoon, Nov. 10. Lunch will be served at the usual hours.

Mrs. Henry Trumley returned from her visit south last Friday, happy to get home, but not so much so as her husband, who was tired of living alone.

W. C. Johnson and wife of the south part of this township have gone to Hillsdale county for the winter. Their address will be Shady Side, Mich.

Topic for Epworth League, Nov. 12, is "The Living Bread," found in John 6, 28-35. Leaguers and their friends are urged to be present. Miss Daisy Havens, leader.

The train Tuesday morning was three hours late on account of the influx of hunters. It took four extra coaches and one extra baggage car to accommodate them.

R. P. Forbes, J. F. Wilcox, U. J. Shirts and Otto McIntyre were among the first to leave town last week to get their camps ready for the season.

Orders for parts of all kinds, and for all kinds of Sewing Machines will have special attention at J. W. Sorenson's. He also keeps a good assortment of Machine Needles.

A letter from the Harrison Wagon Co. last week withdraws all quotations on account of the continued advance in iron and steel. We have a few left that will go at the old price if taken quick.

On account of Corps' inspection it is especially requested that every member of the W. R. C. be present at the regular meeting Saturday afternoon, Nov. 11, at 1:30 o'clock sharp. JULIA FOURNIER, Sec.

Mrs. Holloway Buck of Maple Forest had the misfortune yesterday, of falling, head foremost from a load of straw, but luckily escaped with some severe contusions, a terrible shaking up, and a fracture of the left clavicle.

The ladies of the Scandinavian Lutheran church will give an oyster supper and social at the G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, Nov. 16th, from 5 to 9 o'clock. Supper 25c. Children 10c. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. W. M. Ward, the newly appointed presiding elder, will preach at the M. E. church on Saturday evening and Sunday at both services. Lovefeast will be at a quarter past nine Sunday morning. Quarterly conference will be Saturday evening after the sermon.

Our citizens were delighted Tuesday evening by the appearance on the streets of the Grayling Cornet Band, who rendered some fine music and exhibited marked improvement. They have the material for a first class band and should receive liberal encouragement.

A card from R. Hanson under date of October 20, from Portland, Oregon, announces their arrival in that city all well and happy, though it had rained every day since they left Grayling, till that morning, which was pleasant. They were going to visit some old citizens, Britt and Goodale the next day.

The old officers of Center Plains township refuse to obey the law vacating their township and attaching the territory to Beaver Creek, and mandamus proceedings are begun to compel performance. It is stated that the township board have assumed to act, auditing accounts and drawing orders the same as before.

The season tickets for the lecture course are now on sale. There are five entertainments of the best kind for one dollar. The first one is by Chaplain F. C. Kelley of the U. S. Volunteers on "The Yankee Volunteer." He is a brilliant orator and full of wit. Don't fail to hear him. Let everybody get season tickets. The full set of entertainments is cheaper than the single tickets.

Mr. Funk, one of the successful farmers of Crawford Co., was here to mill this week. He came to northern Michigan 25 years ago from New York City, where he resided for 21 years. Coming here with no knowledge of farming, he has made a very marked success of farming and fruit growing in the immediate vicinity of the state experiment farm on which our agricultural college professors have made a flat failure. The contradictory conditions make our farmers ask some hard questions.—Luzerne Cor. of Mio Mail.

Notice.

Parties having young cattle can find a ready market for them by advertising to us. We will pay highest market price.

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BAR-BEN THE GREAT RESTORATIVE.

Bar-Ben is the greatest known nerve tonic and blood purifier. It gives tone and STRENGTH, clears the brain, makes the blood pure and rich and causes a general feeling of health, power and renewed vitality, while the generative organs are strengthened and the nervous system invigorated. The sufferer is quickly made conscious of direct benefit. One box will work wonders; six should be taken daily. Price, \$2.00. Box, \$2.25. For sale by druggists everywhere. Address DR. HARTON AND BENSON, Bar-Ben Block, Cleveland, O.

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FOR ONLY \$1.75.

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Remember, that by taking advantage of this combination, you get 52 copies of the AVALANCHE and 104 copies of the Free Press, and the Free Press Year Book for 1900, for \$1.75.

Editor Sees Wonders.
Editor W. V. Barry of Lexington, Tenn., in exploring Mammoth Cave, contracted a severe case of piles. His quick cure through using Buckle's America Salve convinced him it is another world's wonder. Cures piles, injuries, inflammation, and all bodily eruptions. Only 25c at L. Fournier's.

Under Sheriff Nolan caught onto the gang that operated Halloween, and the building which they removed from the G. A. R. lot was replaced by thym, though they employed a substitute to do the work. It would have been a good thing if they could have been obliged to carry it back in daytime amid the "Plaudits of the Multitude," which they would have received.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens again," writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for liver, stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at L. Fournier's drug store.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned give this expression of their gratitude to the friends and neighbors who so freely gave their sympathy and aid in the hours of our bereavement by the death of our father.

Mr. and Mrs. I. SEWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. PECK.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. BATES.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. MARSH.

Mr. and Mrs. A. SCRIVEN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. FRANCIS.

Six Frightful Failures

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If Europe Combines Against England



THE LATEST
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THE war between Great Britain and the two Boer republics in South Africa may yet be the determining cause for the long-expected oft-predicted conflict which is to involve all the greater and lesser powers of Europe. Already, says the Chicago Tribune, the attitude of Europe is sufficiently menacing to compel Great Britain to take early steps not only to secure the fruits of the victory that nation expects to win in South Africa, but to defend its empire in all parts of the globe in the event that it finally rejects European interference in its plan to make the southern half of the African continent all British.

In every naval port in England squadrons are being hurriedly fitted out for sea. A strong naval force is already assembling at Gibraltar, and other battleships and cruisers are adding their strength to it every day. Every preparation for calling out the naval reserves has been made, and at the signal England would be ready for all eventualities.

The movements in European diplomatic circles leave no room for doubt that at least France and Russia are endeavoring to secure the assistance of other powers in joint representations to Great Britain before the close of the present war. It is regarded as certain that neither France nor Russia is acting from motives of sympathy with the Boers, for if so they

would have entered their protests before the negotiations between Kruger and Chamberlain reached the ultimate stage. Therefore it is reasonable to infer that if France and Russia act or before the close of the present war they will do so from purely selfish motives, and with the expectation of compelling Great Britain to remain passive while they seize some other parts of the globe for their own. Russia's ambition in the direction of the Indian ocean is well known, and France has designs in China and Africa which it never has taken the pains to conceal.

Interests Are Opposed.
Unfortunately for a pacific outlook, the ambitions of both France and Russia are dangerous to the British Empire. England can neither permit France to secure her predominant control of northern Africa nor allow Russia to advance to the borders of India without practically destroying the British Empire. Consequently, Great Britain is almost certain to accept the alternative of war, even in its present "splendid isolation," for to no power can it turn, unless, perhaps, it may be to Germany, for assistance. If Great Britain is finally brought face to face with the alternative of submission to the dictates of Europe or a war which shall gird the globe with a belt of flame, it unquestionably will choose the dread alternative of war.

The attitude of the several European powers and of the United States, the probable direction of such a war, and the changes it would ultimately make in the map of the old world are subjects which are just now engrossing the attention of the diplomats of Europe.

The crux of the situation will come when, after whipping the Boers of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State into submission, Great Britain will make known its plans for the future government of those two republics.

Russia Has Most to Gain.
In any future demands on Great Britain Russia will necessarily take the lead, for the Czar's empire has the most to gain. Although having the most subtle and secretive diplomats in Europe, Great Britain may as well call out its last available man, for the sea-girt empire will indeed be in danger. But there is an apparent reason to believe that Germany will cast its lot with Great Britain.

Several months ago, before the Transvaal negotiations assumed a dangerous phase, Lord Salisbury and the German ambassador to the court of St. James

reached an agreement which to-day is the most mysterious diplomatic secret in all Europe. The mysterious agreement between Great Britain and Germany, which is exciting so much concern in Europe, is variously interpreted, the most probable explanation of its tenor being hazarded by an English statesman, who believes it gives Germany free hand in the Kaiser's new project of establishing a great German colonial empire in Asia Minor.

If Germany unites its fleet with Great Britain and holds its army ready to march against France and Russia the proposed European coalition will end in bluster. If, on the other hand, Germany shall finally decide to make terms with France and Russia, trusting to an agreement with those powers to give it what it wants in Asia Minor or any other quarter of the globe, the coalition is as good as formed.

The Smaller Powers.

The attitude of the smaller powers is worthy of consideration, for they could hardly escape being drawn into any controversy which involves Great Britain, Russia, France and Germany.

Take Italy first. Italy is almost the only exclusively Mediterranean power, and must, for its own protection, exercise a considerable voice in the control of that great inland ocean. It is a member of the dualist, that offensive and defensive alliance which calls Italy's army into the field whenever Germany or Austria, or both, are attacked. If Germany involves itself in war either for or against Great Britain, Italy, by the terms of the dualist, is bound to assist.

But aside from the dualist, Italy has interests, mostly in the Mediterranean, and a mythical one in China, which almost compel it to attach itself to the fortunes of Great Britain in the present crisis. Italy long has asserted its claim to Tripoli, and by allying itself with Great Britain Italy would be able to claim Tripoli when peace was once more restored.

It may be set down, as it practically certainly that Austria, as it takes any hand at all in the international quarrel, will do so most unwillingly, and on the side with which Germany allies itself.

To many it might seem almost ridiculous even for a moment to consider Spain in connection with the word "war." But at the same time it must be remembered that Spain easily can put from 100,000 to 150,000 men in the field, providing the funds were forthcoming. A loan from France in the emergency, together with the hope of securing the retrocession of the Balearic islands, would be the strongest defenses Great Britain could have for the defense of her possessions on the North American continent.

It must always be remembered that before any nation or combination of nations would dare to attack the United States, either at home or in the far East, the British fleet must first be destroyed, and after the destruction of a British fleet, the enemy's squadron would be in poor condition for another battle.

Changes in the Map.
And, finally, when the struggle was ended and the international congress met to arrange its terms of peace, the geographers would have to prepare new maps of Europe, Asia and Africa.

Money Found in Mail Bags.
It seems almost incredible that in the neighborhood of \$40,000 in actual cash should have been confined to letters during the last year, and harder still to credit that the most exhaustive efforts failed to find the owners of one-fourth of that amount. The envelopes which are addressed are kept on file for four years, blank ones not so long, but in either case liberal margin of time is allowed for claimants to appear before the money is finally turned into the treasury to the credit of the Post Office Department. In addition to the money contained in letters during the same period, something like \$10,000 was found loose in the mails. It is officially styled "loose money."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Careful Inspectors.
It is almost impossible to appreciate the magnitude and the horror which must characterize a war involving Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Austria, Italy, France and Spain in one general, widespread conflict. It would mean a war around the globe. All Europe, all Africa, most of Asia, the islands of the South Pacific, the West Indies, and the northern part of North America would be the scenes of conflict.

The greatest horrors of such a war would only be realized if Germany and its allies in the dualist should decide to enter the field. Then France and Russia would be recalled from each side to the armies of Germany, Austria and Italy. With the greater powers engaged in war, it is almost certain the conflict would involve the Balkan States with Turkey, and the Sultan would be compelled

to guard the Dardanelles against the passing of the Russian Black Sea squadron. He has been enabled by judicious loans from England to the Dardanelles so strongly with modern Krupp guns that he can, if he chooses, batter the Russian warships to pieces when they try to force their way through into the Mediterranean.

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Shoes for a Lifetime.

A shoemaker says we wear away quite two inches of shoe leather in a year. A pair of boots that would "last a lifetime" would consequently have to be provided with soles from eight to nine feet thick.

Teacher—Johnny, what is a thief?
Johnny Hardup—"Dunno." Teacher—"Oh! yes you do. Now, what would I be if I took money out of your pocket?" Johnny Hardup—"Why, youse 'ud be a peach."—Ohio State Journal.

Cost of Raising Wheat and Corn.

Statistics which have been collated in Wisconsin show the average cost of raising wheat to be 51 cents a bushel, and the cost of corn 27 cents. In both cases there is included interest on the value of the land, with the cost of implements and horses added in.

The Meanest Man.

The meanest man in the world is the husband who places his purse in a mouse trap so that his wife could not get it in the early morning without liberating a mouse.

An old proverb says: "Marry your sons when you will, your daughters when you can." As a matter of fact either proposition is an impossibility.

SLIDING DOWN A VOLCANO.

A lively sensation in Tobogganing Down the Side of Popocatepetl.

Having reached the summit, the Indian guides look complacently around and puff unconcernedly at their eternal cigarettes, as they begin to unroll their "petates" on the snow. These petates are Indian mats of strong, tough fiber, which the guides have carried upon their backs. You realize now that they are also toboggans.

Now the guides make this toboggan-

trip, the most remarkable one in the world, and the only one down the side of a great volcano, week in and week out whenever the sides of the volcano are not so frozen over as to prevent it. It is nothing to them. But for you it is a different matter—and the more you look at the frail petates and at the long, glittering descent the less you like the idea.

Nervously you watch the preparations—the smoothing down of the petates, when they will persist in curling up at the corners, and the testing of the heavy pales, or alpenstocks, of which each guide carries two, with extra ones strapped on his back in case of loss.

Quitting, you seat yourself on the rear ends of the mats. Complacently the guides brace themselves firmly in front of you, push the ragged old sombreros over their eyes, light fresh cigarettes for the down trip, caution you to sit still and have care, take a steady grip on the alpenstocks, which serve them as steering poles, and you are off.

Perhaps on the way up it had been your intention to race each other down—you have no jocund thoughts now, and as the mats slip over the snow, slowly at first, then faster, gathering momentum at every inch, you grab desperately at the guide's waist and hold on for dear life.

The speed quickens until you are going faster than express train rate. Clouds of soft snow fly up, at times almost blinding you, and calling forth Indian profanity from the guides. The speed, when you take it quietly with closed eyes (supposing you can bring yourself to do this), is not unpleasant—there is a sense of extraordinary exhilaration, of mad recklessness. But if you dare to look up or about the scale on the British side, and it's the

issue would be quickly decided in favor of the alliance between Great Britain and the Oriental power.

By the time you have done half the trip the breath has completely left your body, your mouth and eyes are wide open, you can neither see nor hear. Then the end comes with a bang and a shock at the very edge of the snow, and you roll helter-skelter through the stiff, zacatón grass bruised wrecks.

People take the end differently. Some sit up, rub their heads and laugh; others relieve their overstrung nerves with copious tears. For my part, I lay still and gasped.—Pearson's Magazine.

WONDERFUL FORGING.

The Westinghouse Company Secures a Fourteen-Ton Wheel.

The use of nickel steel was first brought into notice in connection with armor plate and for that use has been adopted by every country in the world. Recently a nickel steel field ring for a 5,000 horsepower generator at Niagara Falls was forged without a weld and weighed,

14-ton wheel, after roughing out in the machine shop, 28,840 pounds. Outside diameter, 139 inches. When finished it was larger than the capacity of the furnace at the time, so that if it had been imperfect it would have been impossible to reheat it.

Who Had the Button.

There is a good story told of a magician who has passed the great divide. He was a world-traveled player, and his wanderings set him upon one occasion in faraway New Zealand. It was arranged that he should give an exhibition of mind-reading before the King of the Maoris.

After some parleying it was decided that the King himself should conceal the article which the magician was to discover. The mind-reader left the room and after a time was brought back blindfolded, as is the custom in such performances. After some time the magician declared that the hidden article was in the King's mouth. His majesty shook his head savagely in the negative. The magician insisted upon his point, and demanded that the King's mouth be opened wide. The King refused. The magician insisted, and the excitement became very great, until at last the dusky King reluctantly opened his jaws. The article was not there!

The next instant, however, the King was taken with a violent fit of coughing. He had tried to swallow the lost article, a button, but could not, and was compelled to cough it up. The Maoris were uproarious with mirth. They did not know which to admire or the wisdom of the magician or the heroism of the King.—Loudon Tipton.

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BE A GOOD BOY; GOOD-BY.

By John L. Shroy.

How oft in my dreams I go back to the day When I stood at our old wooden gate; And started to school in full battle array, Well armed with a primer and slate, And as the latch fell I thought myself free.

And glared, I fear, on the sky, Till I heard a kith voice that whispered to me:

"Be a good boy; good-by."

"Be a good boy; good-by." It seems They have followed me all these years.

They have given a form to my youthful dreams. And scattered my foolish fears.

They have stayed my feet on many a brink,

Unseen by a blinded eye;

For just in time I would pause and think:

"Be a good boy; good-by."

Oh, brother of mine, in the battle of life,

Just starting or nearing its close,

This motto aloft, in the midst of the strife,

Will conquer where it goes.

Mistakes you will make, for each of us err,

But, brother, just honestly try

To accomplish your best. In whatever occurs,

Be a good boy; good-by.

Saturday Evening Post.

MRS. TROYER'S

FIRST RECEPTION.

BY EDGAR TEMPLE FIELD.

The woman who at 20 marries a dreamer for love of his handsome face seldom believes much in love at 40, if she lives that long. Frances Armstrong was no exception to this rule.

When she married Chester Armstrong she was of the opinion that a straight nose, dreamy eyes and a tenor voice outweighed in desirability ambition, energy and a bank account, when a partner for life was being considered. At the end of twenty years of poverty, disappointment and humiliation she had acquired the conviction that \$5,000 a year and a little backbone would glorify even the most malignant squint.

And, strangely enough, she took it for granted that Margaret would share her views. Margaret was her daughter and had inherited her father's nose and her mother's decision of character.

When Armstrong finally closed his dreamy eyes forever on this world his widow mourned him outwardly as decently as her limited wardrobe would permit, and inwardly faced the consciousness that nothing in his life had become him half so well as the leaving it.

Poor Armstrong! He never would have presumed to ask pretty Frances to share his poverty if she had not so obviously wanted him to. But, of course, she didn't know that. She had been a beautiful girl, and in spite of her long soul-wearing struggle with misfortune was a beautiful woman still, which was perhaps the reason why Judge Troyer interested himself in securing for her the small life insurance which Armstrong, by a crowning act of carelessness, had jeopardized by a lapse in payment just at the close of his inefficient life.

The judge thought it was because of his old friendship with her father that he showed the handsome widow this and other kindnesses during the year which followed her husband's death. What the widow thought no one knew, but she accepted the benefits simply and gratefully. Judge Troyer's income was several times five thousand a year and his squint was not aggressive.

When she also accepted the judge's offer of marriage some time later Frances Armstrong told herself she was marrying again solely with the object of giving Margaret the comforts and advantages her own girlhood had conspicuously lacked. We are so much less scrupulous about being honest with ourselves than we are with other people.

Margaret herself accepted the situation with an indifferent acquiescence her mother at once resented and admired. Was it possible, she asked herself, that after eighteen years of suds and shabby gowns and scanty meals the girl did not really appreciate the home and position she was giving her? There was no question about her own enjoyment of the mansion of which the simple little marriage ceremony at a neighboring chapel made her the mistress.

How she expanded and glowed in the atmosphere of luxury with which she found herself surrounded! After all, it was her native element. Her forefathers had been colonial planters, and she was well fitted to adorn her new station. Every fiber of her being thrilled with the consciousness that she had come into her own at last.

Margaret, watching her curiously, thought she received her guests with much the air of a queen holding a drawing room. She was very tender with Margaret. The one real affection which had survived the shocks and disasters of her hard life in Frances Troyer's heart was lavished on this tall, pretty daughter. She would do so much for her in the rich, new life that was opening out so splendidly before them both. Margaret should never know of the mortifications and hardships which had been her own portion. Her heart sang as she planned the girl's future.

Mother and daughter were addressing invitations to a large reception with which the judge's wife was to repay her already extensive social obligations, when their first difference occurred.

"Of course I shall send a card to Roy," Margaret had said.

"Nonsense!" replied her mother sharply. "I don't know the one here."

Roy Armstrong was a distant cousin of Margaret's, a young fellow with all

the good looks, musical talent and general lack of force which distinguished the Armstrongs. Somehow Margaret's tone filled her mother with a sudden anxiety. They had played duets together in the old days, and Roy had been very kind at the time of their bereavement, but all that was well enough then. Now it was manifestly impossible.

"It is absurd to think of it," added Mrs. Troyer with decision.

"He shall be asked," cried Margaret hotly, "or I shall not come down. He is my cousin and I shall not have him slighted."

"Don't be silly," said her mother sternly. "Roy would not expect an invitation. He never goes into society."

Margaret said no more, but there was a little coolness between them after that, an estrangement which the mother felt keenly, but made no effort to break. Margaret would see her fully in time. And she would talk to her later when she was not so busy; the master would wait. The girl would be all the better for a chance to think it over.

But when the night of the reception arrived and Mrs. Troyer in her clinging brocades took her place in the flowered doorway to receive her guests, only joy and pride were in her heart as she glanced about her elegant rooms. They were quite perfect, and even the judge at her side looked unusually well in his evening garb. What a difference well-titting clothes make! In a little wifely pull, the old gentleman smiled, well pleased at the attention.

Margaret had not come down yet, and as the first arrivals began to rustle up the staircase Mrs. Troyer sent a servant to call her. What a pretty gown the child had to wear, she thought, her eyes lighting with a smile as she remembered how even Margaret, for all her haughty coldness, had not been able to repress a cry of admiration when it had been lifted in all its fragile elegance from its box the day before.

More guests were arriving, and a premature scraping from the orchestra on the stairway was piercing the air with a discordant promise of harmony to come, when the servant returned, looking perturbed.

"I couldn't find Miss Margaret, only this," he said, uneasily holding out a little folded note.

Mrs. Troyer turned pale. But she took the note, and, opening it with steady fingers, she read it slowly once—twice; then it fluttered from her grasp and she turned, still pale, but splendidly self-possessed, to greet an entering guest.

"What is it?" the judge said in bewilderment, catching the paper as it fell and adjusting his glasses to read the hasty scrawled words.

At first he could make nothing of them, then they gradually assumed a meaning to his puzzled eyes.

"Dear mamma," it ran, "Roy and I were married this afternoon. I have gone to him, and when you are ready to receive him at your house I shall be glad—so glad—to come with him."

"MARGARET."

The judge turned to his wife in alarm, but in spite of her glastry face she was smilingly performing her duties as hostess to the crowds beginning to fill the rooms.

The indulgence of grief is the one luxury denied to those fortunate people—the rich.

FORTUNE FROM A HAPPY THOUGHT.

Prospects of a Bright Man Who Has Solved a Japanese Puzzle.

"American ingenuity has just solved a curious Oriental problem," said a gentleman from Pittsburgh. "Formerly scientists and mechanics have been puzzled by what are known as Japanese 'magic mirrors,' which resemble ordinary hand-glasses, but show curious characters and figures in the light which they reflect. These figures in the reflected light were always identical with the molding in the metal back, and there was supposed to be some connection between the two, although the surface of the glass was apparently perfectly clear. The accepted theory was that the back had been struck with a die, which resulted in a certain rearrangement of the particles in the silvering and caused a reflection of the light. Some American magic mirrors were made by that method and answered fairly well, although they were by no means as perfect as the Japanese, and it was easy to see that the reflecting surface had been disturbed."

"Not long ago a mechanic in one of the factories at Pittsburgh got on the right trail, and he is now making magic mirrors that are better than the genuine article. His plan is to draw the characters desired on the front, before the silvering is applied, and then to etch them lightly with nitric acid, which slightly roughens the metal. After that the quicksilver is laid on, and when the light from the glass is thrown upon a wall the figures appear in shadow. In ordinary use the mirror reflects like any other and there is no distortion whatever of the image."

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Nurses in the War.

The largest and most important military hospital during the Spanish-American war was at Fort McPherson, Ga.

It was a small but beautiful hospital,

surrounded by flowers and shrubs.

Alas! the widow thought no one knew,

but she accepted the benefits simply and gratefully. Judge Troyer's income was several times five thousand a year and his squint was not aggressive.

When she also accepted the judge's offer of marriage some time later Frances Armstrong told herself she was marrying again solely with the object of giving Margaret the comforts and advantages her own girlhood had conspicuously lacked. We are so much less scrupulous about being honest with ourselves than we are with other people.

Margaret herself accepted the situation with an indifferent acquiescence her mother at once resented and admired. Was it possible, she asked herself, that after eighteen years of suds and shabby gowns and scanty meals the girl did not really appreciate the home and position she was giving her? There was no question about her own enjoyment of the mansion of which the simple little marriage ceremony at a neighboring chapel made her the mistress.

How she expanded and glowed in the atmosphere of luxury with which she found herself surrounded! After all, it was her native element. Her forefathers had been colonial planters, and she was well fitted to adorn her new station. Every fiber of her being thrilled with the consciousness that she had come into her own at last.

Margaret, watching her curiously, thought she received her guests with much the air of a queen holding a drawing room. She was very tender with Margaret. The one real affection which had survived the shocks and disasters of her hard life in Frances Troyer's heart was lavished on this tall, pretty daughter. She would do so much for her in the rich, new life that was opening out so splendidly before them both. Margaret should never know of the mortifications and hardships which had been her own portion. Her heart sang as she planned the girl's future.

Mother and daughter were addressing invitations to a large reception with which the judge's wife was to repay her already extensive social obligations, when their first difference occurred.

"Of course I shall send a card to Roy," Margaret had said.

"Nonsense!" replied her mother sharply. "I don't know the one here."

Roy Armstrong was a distant cousin of Margaret's, a young fellow with all

HORRORS OF THE SUDAN.

THE DEBT CIVILIZATION OWES TO GREAT BRITAIN'S VICTORY.

Some Diabolical Cruelties that Were the Daily Pastime of the Dervishes Before the Rout of the Khalifa... Mr. Neufeld's Revelations.

After the first rejoicings in England over Lord Kitchener's victory at Omdurman there was the usual period of criticism, during which the peace-at-any-price party bewailed the wholesale slaughter of the dervishes and called the Sirdar to account for the murder of the wounded. It was said that the English themselves acted like savages, and many a homily was preached on the brutalizing influence of war.

But people who had read Slatin Pasha's story of fire and sword in the Sudan must have felt little sympathy for the Khalifa's followers or their English advocates, and Charles Neufeld's relation of his twelve years of servitude to the Mahdist will confirm them in the belief that the march of civilization upon barbarism cannot proceed too rapidly. "Chains and Slavery at Omdurman" is the title of the work whose revelation of horrors seems well-nigh incredible.

Cruelty was a pastime of the dervishes, the sport of their daily life under a tyranny which kept all men trembling whether they were Madists or not. The favorite of to-day might become the victim of tomorrow if the jealous fears of the Khalifa were aroused. For all those who had incurred his displeasure there was the prospect of torture and death.

Slatin tells of a common punishment which consisted in lopping off the arm on one side, the leg on the other and leaving the mutilated sufferer to die. Neufeld supplements this with a story which rivals those of the black hole of Calcutta. In a cell less than 30 feet square from 250 to 280 prisoners were kept at night, not once only but repeatedly throughout periods that extended over weeks.

"Any prisoner who went down on such a night never got up again alive; his cries would not be heard above the pandemonium of clanking chains and bars, imprecations and cursings, and for any one to attempt to bend down to assist him to die he must mean his going under also. In the morning, when we were allowed to stretch out, five and six bodies would be found on the ground with the life crushed and trampled out of them."

A vivid description of a more perfect realization of the scene. On that occasion one of the prisoners was Ibrahim Pasha Fauzi, an old officer of Gordon's. He had been shackled like the rest, and between the pain and the stench of the place had swooned. As he lay on the ground four Sudanese sat upon his legs, and Neufeld determined to go to his rescue. A desperate fight then ensued, which resulted in his release, but more horrors followed:

"At midnight the doors of the cell were thrown open again, and about twenty men, each wearing a shayla, were thrust into the place. (A shayla is a kind of yoke fastened to the neck and the extended arm in such a way that to move the arm throttles the wearer.) Practically there was no room for them, but they had to be driven in by some means. To make space for them the gaolers resorted to their favorite device of throwing into the cell handfuls of blazing straw and grass, and at the same time laying about the bare heads and shoulders of the prisoners with their whips."

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Singing School of Thrushes.

Writer in Forest and Stream tells of the methods Papa Thrush adopts in teaching his little ones to sing.

"Find," he says, "a family of wood thrushes and carefully note what takes place. The old male thrush will sing the sweet song in loud, clear, flute-like notes once, and then stop to listen while the young birds try to imitate the song. Some will utter one note, some two. Some will utter a harsh note, others a sharp note. After awhile they seem to forget their lesson and drop out one by one. When all are silent the old thrush comes up again and the young thrushes repeat their efforts, and so it goes on for hours. The young birds do not acquire the full song the first year; so the lessons are repeated the following spring. I take the young birds into the woods to enjoy the first thrushes' singing school, and all are convinced that the song of the wood thrush is a matter of education pure and simple."

Where Albinos Are Found.

Albinos are found among all races.

They occur most frequently among nations of dark skin and living in hot climates. In the copper-colored race they are more rare, and still more so among whites. It is not accurately known what it is that occasions albinism. It is not limited to man, but has a wide range among the lower orders of creation. The white crow, white blackbird, and white elephant are classed as albinos.

London's Female Police.

London's police force is the like of which does not exist in any other city on earth.

In order to see it at work you must

get up very early on Friday morning and visit Covent Garden market. There you will see such a block of traffic, and such a crowd of angry and unreasoning drivers, that you will not be surprised at the Metropolitan police giving up the duty of keeping order as an impossible job. But still you will find that things come right in the end, and on looking to find out how this is brought about, you will probably be shocked at discovering that Covent Garden has a police force all to itself in the shape of some hundred or so of old women. They dart in and out among the cars, order the drivers to stop, or back their horses or move on. They shout and swear and shake their fists and catch the horses' heads, and, if necessary, shy turkeys or potatoes at the drivers.

But they always succeed in having their own way.

Only for these women. It is believed that it would be necessary to read the Riot Act every Saturday morning in Covent Garden. As it is, the lady police make a comfortable living out of their profession, and the drivers giving them daily tips, while the proprietors pay them a fair salary.—Answers.

AN IMPUDENT SIGN.

Disfigured the Grand Canon for a Time, but Finally Disappeared.